



That the World May Know

THE WORLD MISSION IS YOUR MISSION

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“We hold these truths to be self-evident...”

- ▶ that a Christian Church exists first and foremost as a missionary community with an obligation to proclaim the Gospel to all men near and far, and that it loses its meaning when it loses its missionary purpose;
- ▶ that the mission of the Christian Church to the world is not only to proclaim the Gospel, but to demonstrate in its own life a oneness that unites all Christians in spite of divisions and differences;
- ▶ that the overseas missionary task is a responsibility of the whole Church and all its members, the men as well as the women.

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- ▶ to bring about a more vital awareness among Church members:
 - that the overseas mission program of each denomination shares internationally and interdenominationally with those of the other churches in a world-wide fellowship through the International Missionary Council and its constituent bodies;
 - that through the joint planning and cooperation thus made possible, the overseas mission program of each denomination may be strengthened;
 - that through this cooperative international enterprise the total impact of the World Mission of the Christian Church on the non-Christian world may be made more effective;
 - that the sense of oneness with Christians among all nations thus realized may be a mighty power for advance, as the Church confronts forces that threaten its very life in many lands.

Because of the need to bring about this awareness among the men and women in the pews who still view the overseas missionary task as only of minor importance, the I M C invites those who are sensitive to this need to enroll as World Associates, joining in a fellowship dedicated to these purposes.

(Please see enrollment folder.)

THE INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL

(In Association with the World Council of Churches)

What is the IMC?

How is it made up?

- The IMC is the recognized coordinating agency of the World Missionary Movement of the Protestant Churches.

- Thirty-three national or regional co-operative organizations around the world are linked together as its constituent units. Fourteen of these are Conferences or Councils of missionary societies and boards of the "sending" churches in Europe, North America and Australasia, often referred to as the Older Churches. Nineteen are Councils of the churches in Asia, Africa and Latin America, frequently called the Younger Churches.

- In addition, the IMC maintains contact with twenty-one other Councils or Committees in Younger Church areas.

How did the IMC come about?

What need does it meet?

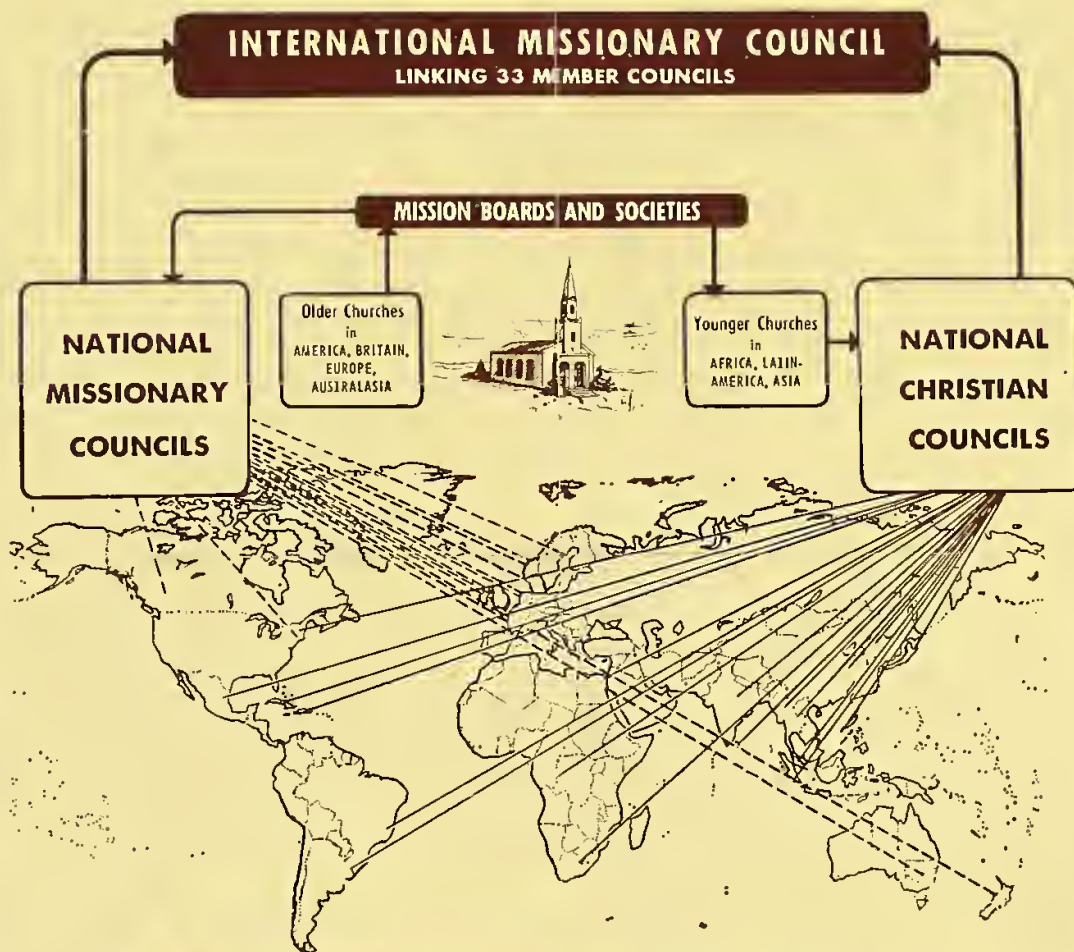
- Cooperation became a growing necessity among the denominational missionary forces of the Western World as they faced a non-Christian environment abroad from the earliest days a century and a half ago. Thus the world missionary enterprise pioneered in inter-church collaboration.

- Growing out of the beginnings made at the World Missionary Conference held in Edinburgh, 1910, the International Missionary Council was founded in 1921 at Lake Mohonk, New York. It was the first universal expression among the churches of the modern Ecumenical Movement. Dr. John R. Mott, as a moving spirit, became the first chairman, serving until 1941.

- Four world conferences have been held by the IMC, each of which is a landmark in the history of the modern missionary movement — Jerusalem, 1928; Madras 1938; Whitby, 1947; and Willingen, 1952.

- The growing need for united action among the churches in today's world faces the IMC with its greatest challenge.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART AND MAP



NATIONAL MISSIONARY COUNCILS		NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COUNCILS	
AUSTRALIA	NORWAY	BRAZIL	KOREA
BELGIUM	SWEDEN	BURMA	MALAYA
CANADA	SWITZERLAND	CEYLON	MEXICO
DENMARK	UNITED STATES	CHINA	NEAR EAST
FINLAND		CONGO	PAKISTAN, WEST
FRANCE		CUBA	PHILIPPINES
GERMANY		INDIA and	PUERTO RICO
GT. BRITAIN		EAST PAKISTAN	RIVER PLATE
NETHERLANDS		INDONESIA	SOUTH AFRICA
NEW ZEALAND		JAPAN	THAILAND

"Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth."

How does the IMC function?

- Its primary functions are consultative and advisory. While it does not itself conduct or maintain direct missionary work, it does assist its constituents to initiate strategic cooperative projects in areas of need.

- It studies strategy and policy for the world expansion of Christianity. Scholarly research, indispensable to such planning, is a major undertaking.

- From its earliest days the attention of the Council has also been focused upon united action. All its activities — study, planning, and periodical conference — have been directed to one end: to create an agency through which all the forces of the world-wide missionary enterprise can think and act together.

- It promotes, jointly with the World Council of Churches, the extension of religious liberty and of international justice and understanding through the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs.

- The IMC publishes the International Review of Missions, which is the standard professional quarterly of the missionary movement. It also publishes from time to time volumes of special significance to the missionary enterprise. The published findings of many research projects are in constant use as tools of the mission worker.

- It furnishes information and direction for its constituents.

- Its officers keep in intimate touch with its vast field through extensive travel, constant correspondence, and representative gatherings.

- In particular countries the IMC functions through its constituent bodies. The Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA and the Department of Overseas Missions of the Canadian National Council are two such bodies which represent approximately one hundred mission boards in North America.

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Acts 1:8.

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I wish to enroll as a "World Associate" of the International Missionary Council and contribute to its work,

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My check for \$_____ is enclosed, or will be sent _____ 195__

(Checks should be made payable to the International Missionary Council
and mailed to 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.)

NAME _____
(Please print)

SIGNATURE _____

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It is understood that those who contribute \$25.00 or more will receive the annual report of the IMC and other information from time to time. Smaller contributions will also be gratefully accepted.

THE SEAL on this folder was prepared by a German artist for the IMC World Missionary Conference held at Willingen, Germany, in July, 1952, and features well known Christian symbols.

The Greek words —

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are from Acts 1:8 "Ye shall be witnesses unto me."

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